

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 4, please insert the following:

Related applications

This application is a continuation of Serial No. 09/486,357 filed on April 14, 2000 which is a 371 application of PCT/EP98/05297 filed on August 20, 1998 which claims benefit to German application 1976 37 481.6 filed on August 28, 1997.

Page 14, lines 5-17:

- a) ~~{lacuna}~~ 400 g of 1,4- α -D-polyglucan are dissolved in 21 of dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO, analytical grade, from Riedel-de-Haen) over the course of 1.5 h at 60°C. The solution is then stirred at room temperature for one hour. The solution is added through a dropping funnel to 20 l of double-distilled water while stirring over a period of 2h. The mixture is stored at 4°C for 44 h. A fine suspension forms. The particles are removed by initially decanting off the supernatant. The sediment is suspended and centrifuged in small portions (RC5C ultracentrifuge: 5000 revolutions per minute for 5 minutes each). The solid residue is suspended in double-distilled water and centrifuged again a total of three times. The solids are collected and the suspension of about 1000 ml is freeze-dried (Christ Delta 1-24 KD). 283 g of white solid are isolated (72% yield).